

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

MORRISON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION District FY07 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion

Water Quality

Pasture Management

Woodland Management

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

The Swan River Watershed has been selected for a 319 project. EQIP will supplement the grant moneys and provide extra technical assistance in the watershed.

The Little Rock Creek Watershed and the Platte River Watershed are also impaired waters.

Two Rivers Watershed is close to being listed as an impaired water and is receiving priority consideration at this time.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Water quality; feedlot pollution and manure runoff in the Swan River Watershed.

Soil erosion and gully erosion (phosphorous) in the Swan River Watershed.

Water quality and soil erosion in the Little Rock Creek, Platte River, and Two Rivers Watersheds.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Water Quality - Is at least 51% of the applicants land offered for EQIP in the Swan River Watershed? **10 points**

Water Quality - Is at least 51% of the applicants land in the Platte River, Little Rock Creek, or Two Rivers Watersheds? **8 points**

Water Quality – Is this an application that will have Ag waste or nutrient management practices installed on the land? **8 points**

Soil Erosion - Is the application in the Swan River Watershed and is the soil loss reduced to less than two tons per acre per year as determined by RUSLE 2? **10 points**

Soil Erosion – Is the application in the Swan River Watershed and will gully control practices, (412, 410, 362, or 638) be installed on any field? **10 points**

Soil Erosion – Is this any application that will do no-till planting on cropland? **8 points**

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points. Done; as noted above.
6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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